

Rotary Club of Scottsdale
Service Above Self
Award Dinner
60th Anniversary Celebration
April 28, 2014
Program

- **5:30pm Open Bar Cocktails**
- **6:00pm Dinner**
- **6:45pm Program**
 - **“Magic” w/John Thornton**
 - **Rotary International Update**
 - **Service Award Presentations**
 - **By Honorable Mayor Lane or Rep**
 - **60th Anniversary Celebration—Cake Cutting**



Service Above Self Award Community Volunteer Brian Trevellyan



Nominated by:

Jim Bruner and Dr. Honora Norton

Brian Trevellyan grew up in rural New York (near Vermont) and has been married to his wife Anne for 29 years and has 3 young adult children. Brian embarked on a career rooted in service by graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS degree in Hospitality Management. During his 18 years in hospitality, Brian started at O'Sullivan's Motel in Lake George, NY, joined the HR management team for Stouffer Hotels, which later merged with Renaissance Hotels. This led his family to move from New York to Georgia, to Chicago, to Scottsdale, to California and back to Scottsdale. When the company asked him to move to Washington DC, Brian made a family decision to leave the hospitality industry and stay in Arizona. This launched him into a 13-year career in the satellite communications/engineering industry as director of Human Resources for Comtech Communications Corporation. Although Brian worked diligently as the company grew, downsized, merged, and acquired other companies, he always knew there was something else he was supposed to be doing.

After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Brian summoned the courage to take the steps necessary to follow his deepest passion of becoming an elementary school principal. He took his first education class in September 2001 and spent the next ten years taking classes, working fulltime, raising a family and volunteering. Brian received his teaching degree in 2010 and joined Teach For America, working for a charter school in Maryvale. Teach For America is dedicated to eliminating educational inequity by closing the gap in providing all children an opportunity to get a quality education. In 2011 Brian continued this journey working with inter-city school children in the Creighton School District where he still teaches 4th grade at WT Machan Elementary School. Brian's journey towards his goal continues as he earns his Master's degree in Educational Leadership in May from Northern Arizona University and awaits the results of the AZ State Principal examination he took in March.

Brian's professional experience exemplifies *Service Above Self*. Brian has always been a volunteer for his faith community. He taught third grade Christian formation and sacrament preparation, participated in outreach to the Navajo Indian communities of St. Michael Indian School in St. Michaels, AZ, St. Mary's Mission in Tohatchie, NM, and St. Patrick's Mission in Vanderwagon, NM for over ten years.

In 2009 Brian became the community coordinator of the Catholic Coalition of Habitat for Humanity working out of Scottsdale's St. Patrick's Parish. He has been an integral part of the leadership team responsible for coordinating the construction crews, as well as, coordinating many volunteers. Brian's leadership has led this group to build two houses per year and they are currently working on house #32.

Service Above Self Award Club Rotarian Dr. Jan Gehler



Nominated by:

Art DeCaboooter and Jason Brock

Dr. Gehler came to Maricopa County Community College District with 21 years in higher education. She held rank as tenured associate professor in culinary arts and hospitality, and has served in management positions from Chair to Associate Dean, Interim Dean, Interim Provost and as the Dean of University of Alaska Anchorage Community and Technical College. She taught high school and served as a grant writer for 6 years with the Orange Unified District in California and continued her professional public service for 12 years as a senior health and human services planner with the Municipality of Anchorage. She earned a BS in Family and Consumer Science from the Ohio State University, an MA in Vocational Education from California State University Long Beach, and an Ed.D in Educational Planning from Oregon State University. Jan and husband, Bill Gehler are natural parents to three adult children and American parents to an adult son from Croatia.

In July 2008, Dr. Jan became SCC's second president following the distinguished career of Dr. Art DeCaboooter. Beyond duties within the Maricopa District, Maricopa Foundation, and at SCC, Dr. Jan actively serves the larger Scottsdale community through membership Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce (Board member), Rotary Club of Scottsdale, Scottsdale Leadership, Inc., Communities Celebrating Diversity (Board Chair), Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) (Board member), Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation (Board member), and others. As a member of Rotary Club of Scottsdale, Dr. Jan has actively supported and participated in youth related projects—from scholarship interviewing/selection, computer collection/recycling and rebuilding for those in need; student mentoring and much more. She has served on the club's Foundation Board of Directors.

When Dr. Jan arrived at SCC in 2008, she made it easy for faculty to try new things, and they have responded in creative ways. This has resulted in major grant wins, such as, an \$8.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will allow Scottsdale and two of its sister colleges in the Maricopa Community College District to offer professional development workshops to middle school mathematics teachers.

Since Dr Jan's arrival, Native American students from 16 Arizona tribes have increased their enrollment at SCC. Many of SCC programs reflect the needs and interests of the native population, such as tribal management, health and arts courses. Under Dr. Jan's tenure, SCC offers students a pristine, natural setting with expansive mountain views and native plant and wildlife. Under Dr. Jan's leadership, SCC received the prestigious 2013 Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Sterling Award. Dr. Gehler believes that great cities include great educational systems and knows that education provides opportunity, and opportunity changes everything.

The **Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona** affiliate is one of the most active of the Habitat affiliates, and because of leaders such as Brian, it is consistently listed in the top ten among the nearly 1,600 Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the United States. They have built, renovated and repaired more than 825 homes in the metro Phoenix area. The majority of Habitat families earn less than \$30,000.

Scottsdale Community College offers more than 150 degrees and professional certifications to an always increasing student enrollment. The school's career and technology programs include a Culinary Arts program and the Film School@SCC, a program ranked among the top 10 of its kind in the United States. The college leads its peers in the development of a virtual environment. Dr. Jan's leadership and innovative concepts have been adapted throughout the Maricopa system.



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As 2014 Service Above Self Committee Chair, I want to congratulate Dr. Jan Gehler and Brian Trevellyan and thank Patti Miller, Jim Bruner, Jason Brock, Art DeCobooter, Honorable Mayor Lane, Alex Cimochoowski, Cheryl Kerivan, Bob Jackson, John Thornton, all the Rotary Club of Scottsdale Board of Director members and the Scottsdale Plaza staff for your assistance in planning this program and event.

*Dr. Honora A. Norton
Rotary Club of Scottsdale Board Member*